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Title: METHODS FOR IDENTIFYING THERAPEUTIC TARGETS FOR TREATING
INFECTIOUS DISEASE

**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

This Supplemental Response and Preliminary Amendment is submitted in reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 20, 2001, in connection with the above-identified application. A response to this Notice originally was due January 20, 2002. On January 18, 2002, a partial reply, forwarding the Oath and Power of Attorney, was timely filed with the U.S. Patent Office. Enclosed herewith is a Petition for a Four Month Extension of Time and authorization to pay the fee due from the undersigned's Deposit Account. Accordingly, in view of the extension of time and payment of the fee, a response is now due May 20, 2002. Accordingly, this reply is timely filed.

The November 20, 2001 Notice advised Applicants that the subject application did not comply with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821 – 1.825. Enclosed herewith is a paper and electronic copy of the sequences disclosed in the application and a statement verifying that the paper copy of the Sequence Listing is identical to the electronic copy. The enclosed documents in combination with the following Preliminary Amendment and Applicants' response filed January 18, 2002, is a complete reply to the February 20, 2002 Notice.